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7 December 1944

SUBJECT : Provveditore at Bari.  
TO : Regional Commissioner,  
Southern Region.

1. The enclosed report from Captain Vesselo, formerly Regional Education Officer for Region II, contains the information for which you asked regarding the Provveditore agli Studi in Bari.

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6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Provveditore of Bari.

TO : Director, Education Subcommittee.

1. Tommaso Fiore, present Provveditore of Bari, was appointed by Adolfo Omodeo, then Minister of Education, on 22/5/44, in replacement of Angelo Caroli, who had a considerable Fascist background. Fiore was appointed without previous consultation with A.C.C., but was subsequently accepted by this Headquarters.

2. Fiore is a recognized anti-Fascist. He is a member of the Action Party and a friend of Omodeo's. It is questionable, however, whether his choice was diplomatically sound, as he is not persona grata with some of the teaching-personnel in Bari, particularly the University-personnel. While this may well be due to certain continued Fascist and anti-Allied leanings on the part of some University Professors (an impression which the writer received from some of their conversations), it cannot be denied that Fiore's methods are not always the best or the wisest. Fiore tends to carry policies into everything, even into the school, and he is said to have used school-buildings, after class-time, for Action Party gatherings.

3. Fiore is a man of learning and culture. Possibly it would have been better if he had been made a Provveditore in some place where he was less well-known than he is in Bari, where he evidently has too many ready-made conflicts on his hands.

A. VESSELO  
Captain, A.E.C.  
Education Officer.

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